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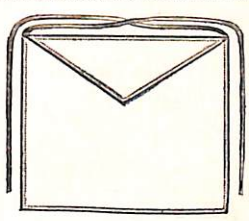

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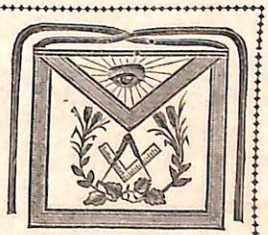

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THOMAS LAMBERT, SABULA,
Grand Master of Iowa Masons.

It gives us pleasure to present the handsome and expressive portrait of our beloved Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas Lambert, of Sabula, at this time. His coming to the highest place in the gift of his Brothers, is a well earned and truly merited honor. "Tom" Lambert has not an indolent element in him so far as Masonry or any other cause is concerned. His work on the Committee on Chartered Lodges has been a most remarkable achievement; and he stands in the Grand East an honor to the craft and jurisdiction as well as an exponent of the truth that his work was so well and favorably done that his exaltation is but the fit expression of his worth in the eyes of his brothers and fellows. Honors will not make this brother proud.

Among the Lodges.

FROM FAR AUSTRALIA.

"The question of the recognition or otherwise of negro Lodges is proving a matter of some moment in the various Grand Lodges of the United States. To the brethren in Australia it is difficult to understand the feelings that animate those who would deny the advantages of regularly constituted Freemasonry to a brother because he happens to be a colored gentleman."—*West Australian Freemason's Magazine.*

WAS THIS AT SIGHT?

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The degrees of Masonry were conferred on Rear Admiral Schley last night by Benjamin B. French lodge, A. F. & A. M. At the conclusion of the ceremonies Admiral Schley held a reception and was given an ovation. Over a thousand people were present.—*A. P.*

THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

FOR NOVEMBER AND TO DECEMBER 13, 1899.

Conducted by G. B. Van Saun, G. C.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Cherokee, - Nov. 16, 17, 18, 1899
Mapleton, - - Nov. 20, 21, 22, 1899
Sac City, - Nov. 23, 24, 25, 1899

Lodges numbered—103 178 223 289 307 309 377 387 390 398 404 408 446 457 462 470 471 474 502 508 517 521 532 550.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Lake City, - Nov. 27, 28, 29, 1899
Webster City, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 1899

Lodges numbered—111 176 192 195 240 325 366 384 425 428 429 432 464 467 468 475 478 497 506 519 531 547.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Independence, - Dec. 7, 8, 9, 1899
Waverly, - - Dec. 11, 12, 13, 1899

Lodges numbered—65 87 94 105 116 131 148 216 219 222 239 261 334 340 350 393 394 417 472 511 546.

Here's a K. P. "fraternal correspondent" from Kansas who flips himself into the air in an effort to be cuttingly funny—now we've won our spurs and know something of Pythianism — "a good thing" — but McDowell wants to learn some sense if he is from Kansas. Just read what he says of Masonry:

"Take that old stale Masonic Order. I have never, as it happens, 'met upon the level and parted on the square,' but I have not been altogether unobserving, and my observation is that the Masons who are having the good times are the Knights Templar or those of the Mystic Shrine."

Gosh, how we'd like to show him around to the "gates of the temple" in one of our "old stale Masonic" lodges, with a setlin' maul up our sleeve—we'd make it seem funny to him—the Jayhawker.

Says Dr. Parvin in an official circular: "The Grand Lodge Communication of 1899 will go down in history as the most harmonious and pleasant session in its history. The attendance of lodges and members was above the average; the expenditures were more than two thousand dollars less than one year ago, and the business was attended to with promptness and dispatch."

The Masonic Temple, Des Moines, was considerably damaged by fire Oct. 4, last. Steps were taken to repair and improve at once.

"R. W. Charley Cushman, S. G. W. of New York, is greatly improved in health." Glad to hear it.

The Sioux City lodges are engaged in work and are reported active

The Royal Arch.

GRAND CHAPTER.

We regret that personal business compelled us to forego the pleasure of attendance at the 26th annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Our only information is the "Associated Press" report, which is as follows:

RED OAK, IA., Oct. 21.—The forty-sixth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa has concluded. The following were installed as officers: B. F. Parker, of Dubuque, grand high priest; N. B. Hyatt, of Webster City, deputy high priest; Thomas B. Lacy, of Council Bluffs, king; I. P. Wilson, of Burlington, scribe; H. C. Shadbolt, of Emmetsburg, treasurer; Alf Wingate, of Des Moines, secretary; W. V. Whitten, of Chariton, chaplain; R G. Turner, of Ames, captain of the host; W. Q. Chevalier, of Red Oak, principal sojourner; E. S. Patterson, of Hampton, royal arch captain; R. B. Rowley, of Keosauqua, master third veil; S. H. Knapp, of Grundy Center, master second veil; S. D. Driver, of Newell, master first veil; A. N. Alberson, of Washington, guard.

It is Alf Wingate's thirteenth election as secretary. The next convention will be held at Des Moines. The attendance here was larger than usual. Ninety-five of the 110 chapters in the state were represented. W. F. Cleveland, of Harlan, was elected president of the priesthood.

Orient Chapter, No. 12, of Kansas City, does things up in great style—for their Convocation of Oct. 14th, they had thirty candidates, and got out a ballustre that is a work of art, and a diagram of the processions one will want to keep.

During our visit in Sioux City the Chapter had work with prospects of considerable to do this winter.

The Council.

There is but little out of the ordinary in regard to the Councils at present. New ones are forming all the time, and no doubt by the time the G. G. C. meets there will be a large number applying for charters. It may seem needless to remark it, but it looks now as if the movement was an assured success. By the way, we are not positive, but think no Grand Council can be formed in Iowa until after the next General Grand Council, which meets in Cincinnati next year.

In the Commanderies

GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. STATE OF NEW YORK.

The eighty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of the state of New York, was held the city of Syracuse on Tuesday, September 26, when officers for the year ending September, 1900, were elected.

Charles E. Ide, Syracuse, Grand Commander.

Charles H. Armatage, Albany, Deputy Grand Commander.

Erastus C. Delavan, Binghamton, Grand Generalissimo.

William J. Maxwell, New York, Grand Captain General.

Rev. Cornelius L. Irving, Brooklyn, Grand Prelate.

George A. Newell, Medina, Grand Treasurer.

John F. Shafer, Albany, Grand Recorder.

Charles D. Bingham, Watertown, Grand Senior Warden.

John Little, New York, Grand Junior Warden.

Erastus C. Knight, Buffalo, Grand Standard Bearer.

Adelbert B. Knapp, Saratoga, Grand Sword Bearer.

Henry R. Kretschman, New York, Grand Warder.

The next annual conclave will be held in the city of Rochester, September 25, 1900.

A NEW UNIFORM CASE.

Sir Knight J. M. Murry, of the M. C. Lilly Co., Columbus, Ohio, showed us two important additions to the already fine outfits they get out for Templars. The one is a suit case uniform trunk which is inter changeable and a great improvement on the old trunk, and the other is a Templar cape, which for beauty and service is beyond anything of the kind we have yet seen.

If the conversation of all over the state is a criterion, then the capacity of Templar Park will be taxed to its utmost next year. With the bowling alley and the toboggan slide added to the present enjoyable features it will be popular enough to stay at for a month or six weeks.

The Scottish Rite.

Palmoni Lodge of Perfection, Buffalo, N. Y., held a special meeting for work Oct. 20.

The 44th semi-annual reunion and celebration of the instituting of Oriental Consistory, Chicago, and co-ordinate bodies, is to be held Nov. 14, 15, 16, 1899.

Among the elections to the active 33° we notice two western men: E. T. Taubman, of South Dakota, and Gustave Anderson, of Omaha. We congratulate our friend "Gus" on his preferment.

Both of Iowa's active thirty-thirds were at the Supreme Council S. M. J., last month.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Cedar Rapids, June 5, 1900.

THOS. LAMBERT....Sabula.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
Iowa, Grand, Des Moines, October —, 1900.
B. F. PARKER...Dubuque.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
J. H. PETTIBONE...Burlington..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1900, Cincinnati.
Iowa, Oct. 25, 1899, Davenport.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN..Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Washington, D. C., May 15, 1900.
JOHN H. ATWOOD, Leavenworth, Kan IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
E. I. ALDERMAN .....Marion..... POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion..... .....Recorder

TO OUR EXCHANGES,

Will those of our exchanges heretofore sent to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, please change the address to Marion, Iowa, and oblige US? Several miles of street car riding will be saved and the exchanges reach us more promptly. Either change or cancel. See? tf

Professional duties alone prevented our acceptance of the invitation to be present at the inauguration of Geo. E. MacLean as President of the State Univerity, Sept. 29, last.

Here's to the craft!

Prosperity is as we make it.

Efficient work is what draws favorable attention.

Turn down, throw out, and keep out, the chronic partisan who is keeping out good material.

If anybody thinks Noble Sidney Foster, of Des Moines, Iowa, is secretary of a slow company, just ask "Sid" to send you "The Home of the Royal Union," and it will "show you."

Many thanks to venerable Bro. Gen. John Corson Smith and his dame for invitations to be at the 14th annual assembly of the Veteran Freemasons' Ancient Society, Oct. 25, 1899, at Smith's Inn, Chicago.

The Masonic and Shrine bodies everywhere want to get the catalogue of appropriate cuts for sale by R. Carleton, of Omaha, Neb., who deserves general patronage as a benefactor to the over-worked Recorders who are seeking for live and stirring material for their notices. Mr. Carleton is in every way reliable. Try his wares.

WE SHOULD SAY.

Now and then some brother goes the length of writing us a personal letter to know why in "the brow of a hill" we don't attend all the Grand bodies and write up the meetings. Well, we should say, that were we able to afford it, we'd have been there right along. See?

Next, we hope e're long to afford it, then will come to our readers more frequently and to more effect. But, just for the present, we're limited and have no apologies to make.

Some of the very complainers might have solved the problem by suggesting that the editor is a needful evil and ought to be put on an "expense paying committee," as some been—time out of mind—or maybe some insignificant office would have helped, but no matter, when the time comes that we can attend freely all the Grand bodies, it will be all the better that we neither asked or received any favors. Yet, we miss the companionship of the boys. Ta, Ta!

The Mystic Shrine.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

BY THE EDITOR.

CHAPTER II.

[This sketch was commenced in the August number, 1899, and while the supply of extra copies hold out, they will be added to new subscribers who request it. Extra copies in this office are the exception. Act accordingly.]

Those who have preserved the previous issues of this Short History will find it convenient to place all of the August article at the head of this chapter and all else, under Chapter I., (as we hinted last month the mixing of copy must be laid on the "devil.")

We closed our former article derived from the records of "Mecca" with the organization of the Imperial Council, June 6, 1876, and gave its first Imperial Divan in full. The title of this body was "The Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America." The enactments of this *session* were about the following:

1. The Grand Orient was fixed at the City of New York.
2. Power was granted to each Temple to confer the honor of Past Potentate upon five Nobles for honorary membership in the Imperial Council.
3. A committee of three was raised to draught Statutes and Regulations for the Imperial Council and its subordinates.
4. The charter fee was fixed at $50, and to include one ritual.
5. The annual dues of each Temple were fixed at $10, "in lieu of any *per capita* tax."
6. The minimum fee for *initiation* was fixed at $10.
7. The prerequisites for the order were fixed as "Knight Templar, *or* 32° Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason—and this is the law today.
8. Mecca Temple received the first charter—bearing the date of September 26, 1872. There were no statistics given for the first year.

The second annual session, 1877, was held at Albany, February 6, with officers as before.

All Nobles in good standing were admitted to attend the session.

The "Most" Illustrious Grand Potentate delivered his annual address. From it we quote:

"It is some five years or more since I came into possession of detached and mutilated sections of the translation of the Ritual of the Arabic and Egyptian Order of the Mystic Shrine, brought to America by one of the foreign members and representatives, through the hands of Ill.·. Brother Oswald Merle D'Aubigne, 32°. It was exceedingly imperfect and incomplete, and to a great extent badly translated, and filled with unintelligible symbolisms. Another portion was brought from Oriental Europe by Ill.·. Wm. J. Florence, 32°, and some of the vague history and ritualistic sections were brought from Cairo, Egypt, by Ill.·. Bro. Sherwood C. Campbell, 32°. Those portions in possession of Bro. Florence were marked and referred to certain sections of the Koran for notes and allusions, which greatly facilitated the compiling and revising of the Ritual to its present completion. This was a task of no small magnitude, and was undertaken and completed through the efforts of Bro. Florence and myself (Dr. Fleming,) aided by a professional linguist and Arabic scholar."

One might well predict the powerful creation of an Arabic legend like "Ben Hur," out of this *accidental* discovery by these three savants traveling from the east and going into the west.

"The original plate engravings for the production of dispensations, characters and diplomas of the Imperial Grand Council, were executed in Paris, France, and the designs were taken from the arches and gateways of the Egyptian Temple of the Sun."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

They are waking up.

The Temples are at work.

The cry of the candidate is heard in the land.

Ten thousand new Nobles will be none too many for the increase this year.

The Temples we have notices from thus far are: Rajah, for Sept. 27; Acca, Sept. 28; Lulu, Oct. 5; El-Riad, Oct. 5; El-Jebel, Oct. 9; El-Eahir, Oct. 12; Kaaba, Oct. 13; Hella, Oct. 13; Kosair, Oct. 15; Zem Zem, Oct. 18; Zuhraly, Oct. 25.

EL-KAHIR AT NEW HAMPTON.

Though the attendance was small, the meeting at New Hampton, Sept. 27, was a lively one. A dozen ripe unregenerates know more now. The whole interest was concentrated upon the ceremonies—no parade—no band—and it was just as well so; but when night came those "sons of the desert" found a warm reception awaiting. Talk about the refreshment stand! Why, hot coffee was on tap all evening, and how some of those fellows seemed to relish it!

Nobody was idle, all hands were in the mix-up and it seemed like old times to see Jim Lisher looking for that old "whirler," then for want of it, grab a root somewhere else.

By-the-way, Noble E. B. Shaw, of West Union, is an El-Kahir pace-maker—he brought three candidates overland 30 miles to be in at the execution, and had a hand in getting nearly half of all we had. Doc Babcock, Springer, Bair and Doc Wright felt a little disappointed, but bless 'em they trotted right along. Doc Wright and the Potentate went away out in the country to provide "young pig" for refreshments and the other fellows carried their "cases" to the finish all right. The world is'nt ended yet boys. My, how we'd like to write it all up but space forbids.

The banquet was at Masonic Hall, by the O. E. S., and a beauty. Carleton banners, black and orange bunting and carnations everywhere greeted the eyes of the hundred hungry Nobles who had a gracefnl Star or a Daughter of Isis to attend to all their wants. Cigars followed. The toasts were informal and on the usual order.

The official divan retired to their special car and smoked (were smoked out by the stoves) and kicked and swore vengeance against the dunderhead who left us shiver there on the sidetrack all night waiting for the special that never came. But all troubles have an end, and by late noon we were back on "Joe's" territory, and things righted up and all went well. No fatalities! full insurance! damage light! Fun balances the annoyances.

The "clam committee" of Mecca Temple Arab Patrol gave a bake Sept. 23, at which about seventy-five Nobles partook. A program followed. The 8th of October the Mecca wheelmen made a run to "City Island."

ACCA TEMPLE ACTS.

RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 10, 1899.

To all Illustrious Potentates, Officers and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine—Greeting:

Referring to the circular letter issued August 15, 1899, by Mecca Temple: Acca Temple, at the regular monthly session held September 28th, unanimously adopted the plan suggested by Mecca Temple, and desires to notify you that "before relieving any application from a Noble of a sister Temple, we shall telegraph to the Potentate of his Temple as to his standing and their wishes."

We join Mecca Temple in the belief that if all Temples will adopt this plan, no worthy case will go uncared for, and the frauds will be turned down.

Yours in the faith,

CHAS. A. NESBITT, Recorder. E. D. HOTCHKISS, Potentate.

Masonic Temple, Richmond, Va.

ADOPT MECCA'S SUGGESTION.

Eight or ten Temples of the Mystic Shrine have adopted Mecca Temple's suggestion respecting the assisting of needy Shriners.—*Standard.*

We don't doubt but all the Temples approve of the plan, but does the "Standard" mean that by vote the Temples have adopted the Mecca suggestion?

Some of our Noble friends ask us to write up the meetings we attend, and nothing would please us more; but to do them justice we need elbow room, and to get that we need twice the amount of space we now have. We live in the hope ere long to put our list up to the point where we can simply revel in spreading ink and giving the boys the news of all that is going on. Two thousand subscribers at half-price means 16 pages monthly, or 12 pages weekly. See?

The Eastern Star.

LETTER FROM BRO. ANDREW J. SALTS.

CORNING, IOWA, Sep. 20, 1899.

Editor Freemason and Fez:—Emblem Chapter maintains a steady and vigorous growth, the resultant of the marked interest that has characterized the Chapter since Past Grand Matron, Sister Ercanbrack, breathed the breath of life into the organic body one stormy night in the month of March, 1888.

Next Tuesday evening a reception is to be tendered the children of the members of the Order, at Masonic hall. A literary and musical program has been arranged, to be followed with light refreshments.

On Oct. 10th will occur a special meeting for the conferring of the degrees on Hon. and Mrs. W. G. D. Mercer, of this city. Bro. M. is postoffice inspector and a close friend of Senator Gear. The work will be done in the presence of Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Ella Houghton, of Red Oak.

At our last regular meeting a preamble and resolution was passed petitioning the coming Grand Chapter to a more economic expenditure of chapter funds, and to more evenly distribute appointive official honors among the members than has heretofore been the practice, it having been quite frequently the case where one sister or brother held two offices. In the early history of the order this condition could not well have been avoided, because the work was heavy and the laborers few. It is different today.

Your "Freemason and Fez" comes regularly to a number of subscribers who are very much pleased with it. S.

The history of the Order bids fair to be shrouded in numerous crossing lines of origin, at least so we would judge by the article in "The Eastern Star" for October 1899.

It was a sore disappointment to us to be compelled to miss the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, at Davenport, Oct. 25-27, but sickness at home delayed other work, and though on the program, it had to be passed up.

We are glad to note from "The Eastern Star" that Marengo is prosperous and that a D. G. M. has paid them a visit.

Order of Isis.

Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, proposes to hold their first Vigil of the Daughters of Isis, October 30, 1899. Potentate Hemperly says:

"I have one word of caution to the applicants who contemplate becoming 'sisters,' and that is that I shall expect them to be heartily interested in Lu Lu Temple and in the welfare of its members, and to do what they can to promote harmony and good fellowship among the Nobility, and to assist in alleviating the wants and necessities of all poor and worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans, so far as in their power lies."—*Lu Lu.*

The Crescents, under the local form started by El-Kahir Temple, are increasing at a rate to warrant the incorporation of the Sublime Crescent ere long.

The Crescent Ritual has been amplified to such an extent that the "open section" requires 45 minutes for the "Daughters" and longer and hotter for the "Sons," for each candidate, if they "get it all."

Moila Court, D. of I., is to give their second Vigil to the Daughters of Isis, on November 8, 1899.

"We propose to give our wives a send off,
On the Secret Order plan,
That when we, departing, end off,
They can scoop in some other man."

A banquet and hop follows the ceremonies.

Fraternities.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

INSURANCE AGAINST NON-EMPLOYMENT.

We have insured against death, which is certain, and found that it paid as a commercial venture; against sickness, which is also uncomfortably certain; against accidents, fire, and all sorts of personal disability, and the scheme has worked to the financial advantage of insured and insurer, and to the ease of the public mind and conscience. Why should not the extension of the principle so successfully applied to other mishaps cover, to some extent at least, the too common evil of non-employment?

Europe has been experimenting in this direction since 1893, when the City of Berne took the initiative. Cologne, Germany, and Bologna, Italy, quickly followed the example of the Swiss town, and other cities are making ready to try the same expedient. In Europe the scheme owes its inception to philanthropy, its continued support to the State, fees of members, and voluntary contributions.

In America a similar experiment, begun

within the current year, is a private enterprise backed by capital and skill. Its dues are heavier than those of the European societies, but its benefits also are much larger. As in the case of the European societies, voluntary non-employment, or non-employment for any cause within the control of the beneficiary, makes all benefits voidable. This excludes the striker. In the case of the Chicago concern, it excludes him whether his action is voluntary or not.

A significant feature of this movement is the effect which it will have upon employment agencies. It is to the interest of the non-employment insurance companies to help their beneficiaries to get work. Abroad, the societies work in conjunction with employment agencies, the State lending its own assistance in this direction, as in Cologne, where the General Labor Registry gives preference to applications from members of the association. In Chicago the company insuring against non-employment supplies to its beneficiaries the services of two employment bureaus without charge.—*Leslie's Weekly.*

HOW TO SUCCEED.

We quote some very good advice from an exchange, which might be followed by solicitors or organizers in our Order. We use only a few of the arguments, as we look upon them as being the brightest:

First know what you are talking about, and talk only about what you know.

Let your acquaintances see that you are in "dead ernest."

Do your business in business hours as far as possible, and never bring it into your social life.

Be persistent in your endeavor to act. Do not be discouraged.

The man who breaks up marble strikes many times in one place before the break appears.

Never leave your work in an unfinished state for some one else to complete. Do it yourself.

Remember always that what is worth doing is worth doing well.

Tell the truth at all times.

We think if our brothers will follow these rules as far as lies in their power, that there will be no crying about a lack of interest and the acquirements of new members, either in their local Council or in a new Council which they attempt to organize.—*R. A. Guide.*

The A. P. O. N. T. had a hot parade Oct. 4, at the Cedar Rapids carnival.

The D. O. K. K., a side K. P. Order, was out in Joseph's coat Oct. 4, and made a night of it. They call their votaries "Tyros."

Our Dead.

1899.

Noble F. M. Lickliter, Richmond, Va., June 4.

Noble E. B. Taylor, Richmond, Va., Aug. 25.

Noble Dr. Sherman, Cherokee, Iowa, Oct. 10.

Noble James Yanney, Sandy Lake, Pa., Aug. 7.

Noble R. G. Wilson; Sac City, Iowa.

Noble A. E. Gregg, Sioux City, Iowa, July 16.

BOOK TABLE.

We received the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Iowa from Sir Alf Wingate, G. R., on Oct. 4. They are up to the usual standard and of increased value this year.

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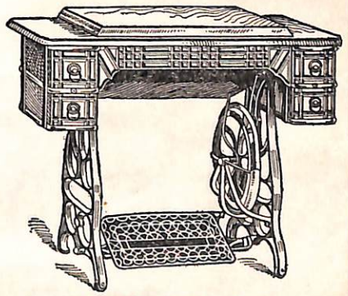

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